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PART 1 -- GENERAL

PART 2 -- PERSONNEL

201. DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE. a. PV1 Claude L. Caraway Jr. a member of Trp C (-) 1/163d AC Malta, Montana has recently graduated from the Field Artillery Training Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma as Distinguished Graduate. PV1 Caraway's outstanding record and academic achievement is most commendable.

202. COMBAT LEADER'S IDENTIFICATION (CLI) POLICY. a. Para 14-18, C2, AR 670-5, uniform and insignia, male personnel, 6 June 77.

1. Commanders are reminded of reference regulation which restricts the combat leader's identification (CLI) (Green Tabs) to designate leaders in category I units, plus the commanders of category II units, the majority of whose major subordinate elements are category I units. The designated Leaders in these units include:

- (a) Commanders
- (b) Deputy Corps and Assistant Division Commanders
- (c) Platoon Leaders
- (d) Command Sergeants Major
- (e) First Sergeants
- (f) Platoon Sergeants
- (g) Section Leaders (when so designated in TO&E)
- (h) Squad Leaders and Tank Commanders
- (i) Rifle Squad Team Leaders

2. Category I units are Defined as follows: "A unit, organized under table or organization and equipment, whose primary mission includes engaging and inflicting casualties and/or equipment damage on the enemy by use of its organic weapons. Category I status is extended to its corresponding headquarters and Service companies whose mission is supporting and providing assistance thereto, and to those command and Control Headquarters habitually operating in the forward portion of the active combat area (Forward of the Brigade Rear Boundary). Category I units normally operate in the forward portion of the active combat area, but may, because of the range of their primary weapons and positioning requirements, operate in the division and corps rear areas."

3. Reference regulation further indicates that upon reassignment from either one of the designated leadership positions or from the organization as described in the paragraph 1, Above, the individual will cease to wear the CLI.

203. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MONTANA ARNG TECHNICIAN ASSIGNMENTS. The following technician assignments are announced in the Montana Army National Guard for the month of November.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
ECKERSON, WILLIAM J. Clerk Typist	Helena, MT	GS-04
OKERLUND, DANA S. Supply Technician	Helena, MT	GS-05

PART 3 -- OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

PART 4 -- SUPPLY

PART 5 -- FISCAL AND TRANSPORTATION

PART 6 -- MAINTENANCE

PART 7 -- SAFETY

701. PROPER PREPARATION OF DA 285 FORM (ACCIDENT REPORT). a. At the last N.G.B. Safety Conference held in Nashville, Tenn. on 11 and 12 Oct 1978 the following information was supplied in regards to proper completion of D.A. 285 form. These are the most common errors individuals make when preparing this report. This information is from AR 385-40.

1. Item #8. - Accident classification (A,B,C, or D) must also be entered at the far right of this column. This information is listed in Annex #1, Appendix F, AR 385-40 and will be entered by State Safety Specialist. Therefore it will be necessary to Route all accident Reports though State Safety Office.

2. Item #11. - Enter only the name of Principal individual involved. (i.e. the driver of a vehicle, not the assistant driver or other passengers.) If more than one person is involved all others will be reported on D.A. 285-1 form. (Accident Report Continuation Sheet.)

3. Item #17 - If Individual Involved is a Technician on Technician status use Block E. (Army Civilian Employee)

4. Item #44 - Leave this space blank, It is for the N.G.B. Safety Office Use Only.

702. O.S.H.A. FORM 100 F (LOG OF FEDERAL OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES AND ILLNESSES.) a. As of 1 April 1978 M.T. ARNG Safety Office is required

to maintain separate logs on N.G. Technicians and all Guard Personnel during training.

b. In order to comply with this Regulation it is mandatory that this Office be furnished a copy of DA 285 Form. (Accident Report.) Information should be mailed to Charles Cochran CW2, State Safety Specialist, Box 4789, Helena, MT 59601.

PART 8 -- FACILITIES AND SECURITY

801. WORK REQUEST. a. During the past four months, this office has expended one-half of the available funds appropriated for repair and maintenance of ARNG facilities. The heavy usage of these funds normally occurs during the winter months. (Dec - Jan - Feb)

b. Therefore, for the remainder of the fiscal year, only minor emergency type repair and maintenance projects will be approved. Emergency requests will still be telephoned into the Facilities office, with a "follow - up" work request.

c. Work requests (DMA AGO Form 43) should still be submitted for all minor repair or Capital improvement projects, although they may be deferred for approval (funds permitting) during the last quarter of the State fiscal year. (April - May - June)

802. CULBERTSON ARMORY / AASF ADDITION. a. Information has recently been received from the National Guard Bureau, that congressional action of Construction funds for the Culbertson Armory and the AASF addition, is anticipated the latter part of December. Barring any un-foreseen difficulties on these projects, bids may be opened in January or February.

PART 9 -- UNOFFICIAL

901. SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN UPDATE. a. See Inclosure number 1.

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Survivor Benefit Plan - UPDATE

Effective 1 October 1978, Public Law 95-39 (Survivor Benefit Plan - Reservist) affords Reserve Component members and former members who will be eligible for retired pay at age 60 under Chapter 67, Title 10, United States Code the opportunity to participate in the extended Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).

As an interim measure, pending publication of new forms and detailed administrative guidance, all Reserve Component members and former members now eligible for retired pay but who have not attained age 60, should be advised immediately to execute a statement of intent concerning participation in SBP. The statement should be signed by the service member, the service member's spouse, and witnessed by a third person without insurable interest. The member should make one of the three following options:

- OPTION A - I decline to make an election at this time. I will remain eligible to make an election for coverage at age 60.
- OPTION B - I elect to provide an annuity beginning on my 60th birthday if I die before that date, or on the date of death if I die after my 60th birthday.
- OPTION C - I elect immediate annuity starting the date of my death, whatever my age at death.

The member should file this statement of intent with his or her important personal papers and keep it until further DA guidance is provided. Prior to proper execution of final DA form, the statement of intent will substantiate a claim for an annuity under SBP and serve as a basis for determination and certification of eligibility for pay.

Should an eligible member die on or after 1 October 1978, the survivor should contact the Commander, U.S. Army Reserve Components Personnel and Administration Center (RCPAC) ATTN: AGUZ-RAD, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63132 for assistance.

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